A BOSS IN HIS OWN HOUR.

Thomas C, Platt Bolds an Under Position in the Home Rule Calibrat.

For Twenty Years He Has Occupied the fame Three Rooms with his Pannily in a Hotel.-Newspaper His Absorbing Passion.

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audience if the pope leave their hats and coats upon a long caest leaning against the wai!

The pope usually rises at 7 o'clock, his chamber door having been previously unlocked by his faithful body servant, Centra. At night Leo XIII, locks the door of his bed-room with a key which never passes out of his hands, a second door being locked by Centra when his holiness is in bed. The pope is thus practically a prisoner at nigar, but Centra is generally within call. This servant is a person of the greatest influence at the vatican; the pontiff relies upon him implicitly, and his trust is well placed. The Romans say that Centra is more powerful than the whole sacred college combined. He is the son of a hatter, and was born at Carpineto, in the province from which the pope's family—the Peccl—sprang. For fourteen years Centra has been a devoted and affectionate servant, anticipating the pope's every want, and never leaving him. If Centra is indisposed the whole paiace specifity becomes aware of the fact by the bearing of the holy father; even when he is ill he is so necessary that the pope will not allow him to go away for more than a week at a time. Last September Centra had a sharp attack of Roman fever, and was peremptorily ordered a change of air by the pope's physician. The pontiff decided that he should go to Carpineto, their native place, where the aria fina, he thought, would speedily restore the faithful soul to health, but nevertheless fusisted on Centra returning to Rome every fifth day in order that he should shave him; the pope would not allow even the cleverest barber in Rome should shave him; the pope would not allow even the cleverest barber in Rome

allow even the eleverest barber in Rome to take his place.

As soon as the pope is dressed by his valet in his white woolen cassock and wadded silk gown, he recites the prayers ante missam at . prie-Dieu in his bedroom, passing directly afterward into . neighboring apartment, which has been arranged as an orstory. Here he is robed in sacerdotal garments by his private chamberlains, Mgr. Cagiano da Azevedo and Mgr. Bisletti. Mass is then celebrated, the pope's beautiful voice and dignified presence lending a peculiar impressiveness to a ceremony to which he strangers are admitted save en Sundays. The service occupies three-quarters of an ante missam at . prie-Dieu in his bestroom, passing directly afterward into neighboring apariment, which has been arranged as an orutory. Here he is robed in sacerdotal garmerts by his private chamberlains, Mar. Cagiano da Azevedo and Mgr. Bisletti. Mass is then celebrated, the pope's beautiful voice and dignified presence lending a peculiar impressiveness to a ceremony to which no strangers are admitted save en Sundays. The service occupies three-quarters of an hour, at the end of which time Leo XIII. returns to his bed-room, where Centra brings him the first of the numerous mea's of soup and checolate upon which he sustains a body, described by a French writer as "so thin and meager that it seems to have escaped from one of the passions with which Crivelli and Mantegna decorated the walls of the vatican." If he has decided to give audience to any of the numerous pilgrims always in klome, he receives them in the library after his frugal dejeuner. Supporting himself against a long table in the middle of

source from which spring the almirabily written encyclicals which Leo XIII, sends forth to the world.

In the course of the morning Cardinal Rampolla, the pope's secretary of state, brings his master the political news of the day. This being discussed and arranged, if it be Tuesday or Friday, the homeological accounts are more interest. household accounts are gone into an paid. The expenses at the vatican are very heavy, one authority estimating them at \$1,000 a day, but, when the immense number of cardinals, chamberlains papal institutions who live within the walls of the palace are remembered, it does not seem to be an outrageous cost. The pope is a keen man of business; not one item of expenditure escapes his eye, and he pays the bills from a coffer the key of which never leaves him. In the matter of carrying keys about with him the pope has reminded more than one person of Goethe, who invariably had his keys, especially those of his library, hung round his waist, like a gaoler.

At midday audience is given to crowned heads or distinguished men. If the visitor is a sovereign the pope receives him in the is a sovereign the pope receives him in the throne-room, surrounded by his cardi-nals, who retire as soon as the potentate has been introduced. Apropos of royal visits, there is a story still told at the vatican of the visit paid by the son of a European monarch who was accompanied by the son of his father's first minister. The elaborate etiquette of the papal court had already bored the young prince, and when he was brought into the presence of the pontiff, instead of doing the usual homage he abruptly cut short the forma-lities of the chamberlain, and, seizing the pope's hand, grasped it warmly, pass-ing it over to his companion, who shook

it as familiarly. up, gray-bearded, elderly gentleman as an enthusiastic follower. At home T. C. Platt does not know his own politics. The historic "Me, tool" is his figurative and literal cry.

The habits of this man, discussed from ocean to ocean, disliked as much as liked, and feared as much as respected, are as mystical as the character of the man himself. He might be a myth in personality so little is he actually known. He goes downtown each morning early to the express office of which he is president. Here he works industriously with pen and ink. A valued assistant is his own Harry, who will succeed his father in the important affairs of the company. Early in the day T. C. Platt leaves the express office and takes a cab uptown. At that moment his day begins in his. His regular business in Lunch of the simplest fare follows, the menu consisting chiefly of eggs. This ended, the pope takes the air n the gar-

gathers its fruit with his own hands, and last year it yielded a very fair quantity of wine. Next to the vine the cultivation of roses is the pope's greatest pleasure.

His holiness frequently spends the better part of his day in the tower, reserving the upper story for himself. No one is allowed to enter it save himself, and should cardinals or princes desire urgent audience, they are received in a lower room hung with red silk. The only person to whom the pontift has thrown open the doors of his room of seclusion is Ugolini, the painter, who, in painting his portrait, has very discreetly avoided the reproduction of the pope's distinct resemblance to Voltaire, one of his holiness' betes noires. The German painter, Lenbach, painted too faithful a portrait. "Questa e una volpe!" cried the pope, angrily, turning his back upon the picture and walking out of the room, "it is the portrait of a fox." The French painter, Chartrau, achieved success where Lenbach failed, but Ugolini is the pope's favorite.

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Leo, despite his advanced age, takes little rest, and works as industriously in the cool upper chamber of the Leonina tower during the hot hours of the Roman afternoon as he does in his study during the morning. From his windows he can see the city, lying beyond the walks and alleys of the vatican gardens, in the slumberous heat, tier upon der, with the San Angelo fronting the Tiber, a rolle of the temporal power once wielfed by the pantiffs. But Leo's dreams are not of the return of imperial rights and escular prestice to the vatican; he rather dreams of spiritual unification, and looks ferward to a united Christendom. One of his relaxations, like that of many other great men, is literature. Yet even his literary leis are bears result, judging by the Latin poem he recently sent to a angress at Leghorn on his favorite subject. The verses were written in the Leonina tower.

Virgine Favente, flat Unum Ovile.

Auspictum felix; Orientes personat auras
Vox lapea e coelo, personat Occiduas.
Une fides Christi, Pastor regat unus ovile;
Dispersas gentes colligat unus amor.
Virgo fave, errantes O lumine mater

Respice, et unigenae junge benigna tuae.

As day slowly fades from the sky the chairbearers in their red liveries appear at the door of the tower and carry him back to his carriage, and thence the Raphvel chambers and the galleries of the library to his private apartments, away from his vine and his roses, from the sunlight and fresh air, to the gloominess and seclusion of the palace. Having recited the rosary in company with one of his domestic prelates, the tireless pope sits down at his writing table and works until Centra attends him to bed, and the long day is done.

Such is the major portion of the pontiff silfe. His is a lonely existence, splendid but cold; the body may be worn and weak, yet the mind is keen and alert, and still bent upon bringing about those social reformations with which Leo XIII, hopes that his name will ever be associated.—St. James's Budget.

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An Englishman Ready to Provide a New Shock of Red Hair for a Chicago Man.

anxious to be scalped. That is, if he gets \$600 for it. He is a rather innocent Englishman, who came over to this country

"Will it hurt very much?" he asked one of the doctors.
"Ch, we will give you chloroform," he was told.

and small annoyances of the everyday

She has served as a constant spur to her husband in his literary work, and her pride in his genius and desire that he should make the most of it, have impelled her to urge him on when he otherwise might have halted for a space. The same energetic spirit has always been carried into every detail of her life. Proceedington in the aboundation, nor Procrastination is her abomination, nor is it easy for her to hate the sin and love the sinner in this repard; she is stone deaf to excuses for the delayed per-

stone deaf to excuses for the delayed per-formance of duties, and is given to quot-ing Horace Greeiey's saying: "The only way to do a thing is to do it."

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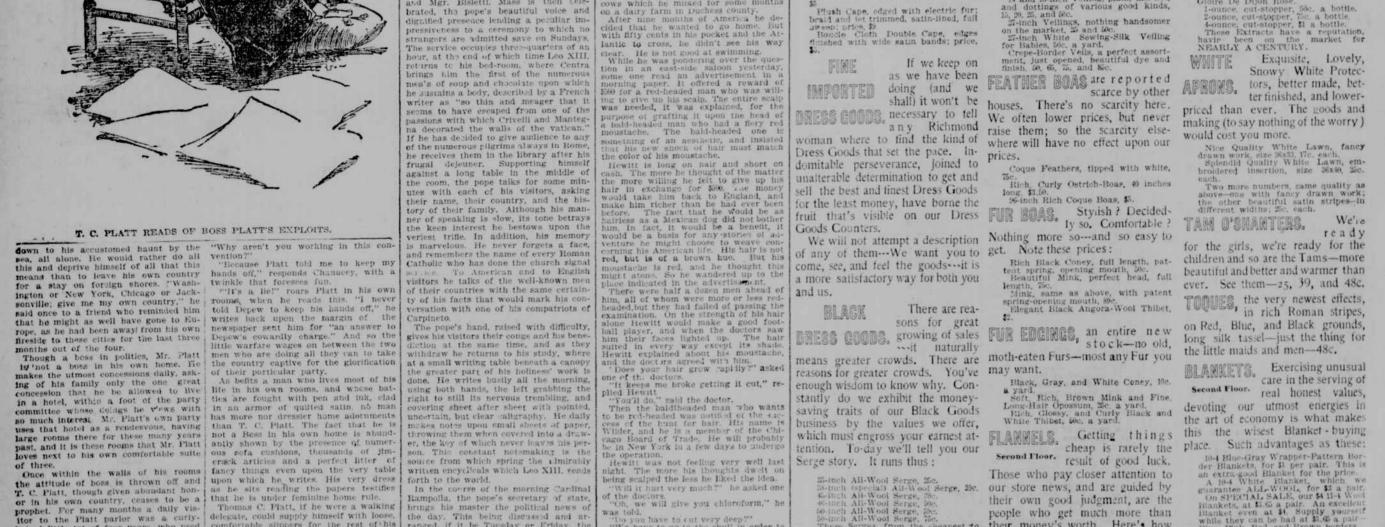
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MYSTICAL HABITS.

hand upon popular sentiment by join-ing street crowds and street parades. At hour later they showed anarchistic tendencies by declaring for an equal

division of everything in grandpa's pockets, and leaving the richest as poor as the poorest. They really show no stability; and most remarkable of all, they carry with them always one grown-

prophet. For many months a daily vis-itor to the Platt parlor was a curiy-haired little tot of four years, who used to shout with joy as the elevator was raised, and whose delighted cry of "Grandpa, where's grandpa?" was a raised, and whose delighted cry of "Grandpa, where's grandpa," was a familiar sound to the dwellers on that floor. The baby's gone now, And the sorrow was one of the keenest ones of the ex-Senator's life. But there

others in the rapidly growing family of T. C. Platt and descendents, and "Grandpa" bids fair never to be a boss at nome any more than he is now. They pull the paternal beard, steer the paternal footsteps into a defenseless corner and proceed to make a raid upon the paternal pockets like bold highwaythe paternal pockets like bold highwaymen, holding up each pocket at the
point of several sets of prying fingers.
In politics they are magwamps, having belonged to every party under the
sun. To-day they are high protectionists, placing a heavy tariff upon their
fixises and favors. To-merrow they
shower them with Democratic freedom.
Next day they are populistic, wanting
to follow the most public paths, taking
grandpa to the circus and placing a
hand upon popular sentiment by join-

seven-league boots.

In dressing gowns, "The Boss" is par-ticularly rich. He has them of all kinds. Now he wears a large thicklyquilted one. In summer he dons a long white linen gown, and from his windows at the hotel at Manhattan Beach ne may be seen strolling around his room n a thin, figured, red silk gown, very comfortable and quite becoming, seen in comfortable and quite becoming, seen in the castern lights with which the island is illuminated in the summer. Once a very facetious friend rushed in Mr. Platt's room with a pitcher of water to put him out. "Oh, it's 'he Manhantan Beach fireworks! I thought it was you."

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In his slipper list are many "curios-ity" alippers sent to him by Indian chiefs who wished to 'propitate "The Great White Father" and at the same time white Father and at the same thin-secure more bags of tobacco and extra dollars from the Government, of which they are the unwilling wards. In this list also are the boots, according to a political narrator, which Mr. T. C. Platt political narrator, which Mr. 1, C. Platt has worn on several occasions when he found it necessary to take himself by the boot-straps and pull himself out of the mud. But these boots are kept for private exhibition only, though there is no doubt that their owner values them more than the giant of old valued his second-group boots.

PANIOUS STIPPERS.

If they are not purely academic, they are certainly superior to the average ecclesiastical poetry.
With sunset the pope's airing is over.
As day slowly fades from the sky the

Joseph Hewitt, of 280 Fourth avenue, is

was told.

"To you have to cut very deep?"

"We have to go to the skull in order to save the roots of the hair."

He witt shuddered a little and studdled the caroet.

"But I get the \$500 as soon as it's over, don't I?" he asked.

He was assured that he would, and, brightening up, he added:

"Well, its a lot of money, and I don't mind being baid-headed for that much."

Then he wandered out to await the operation.—New York Times.

A Wife's Persistence. Mrs. Lew Wallace, like many another wife of a man of letters, has been the shield between her husband and the thou-

the kind of bons have a quality and finish that's garments everlasting. The fabric is firm, we cell. soft, well finished, and silk all There'll through every thread of the same with our Jewelry selling—is a better Jewelry Store than There'll through every thread of the warp SOME and west. We sell Best Ribbons, and Novelties. thought or no other kind.

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